



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting-FIELD TRIP-NOTES

Monday June 8, 2026

1:00 – 4 p.m.

**Becker County HIGHWAY DEPT. –
1771 North Tower Road, Detroit Lakes MN**

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Open Forum –

None

3. May 4, 2026 –Meeting Notes Review and Approval

Approved Hansen, Granger

4. Little Sugarbush Park- 1st ONSITE VISIT. 28992 CO HWY 34 Callaway, MN –

The committee recommended phasing into a few small projects this summer/fall. Potential projects are:

- a. **Install barricade to restrict vehicles from getting close to the lake.**
- b. **Remove some vegetation around the lake to allow better airflow and lake scenery.**
- c. **Replace or fix existing picnic tables.**
- d. **Recreate beach swimming areas.**
- e. **Create a trail system through the woods and brush down field edge (WE DNR maybe able to assist)**
- f. **Subcommittee formed to get projects done: Karen M, Howard K, Jason C, Mitch will report back progress at next meeting.**

5. Bucks Mill – 2nd ONSITE VISIT - 10425 BUCKSMILL DR, Detroit Lakes, MN

- a. **Becker County owns and maintains 1.6 acres on the southside of the Pelican River.**
- b. **Committee discussed installing a bench, picnic table, and small outdoor shelter.**
- c. **If the private land on the north side of the river ever comes up for sale the County would be interested.**
- d. **Project is 95% complete. Bucks Mill Celebration event is being held on July 16th 11-4.**

6. Dunton Locks County Park- 3rd ONSITE VISIT - 24878 DUNTON LOCKS RD Detroit Lakes, MN
 - a. **Parking lot will be expanded in 2028; some prep work will be done in 2027.**
 - b. **The old PRWD building may be removed in the future, parking will take the place of the shelter if removed.**
 - c. **Looking for opportunities to create a small trail loop from Dunton Locks through Soo Pass Lands.**

7. BC Regional Trail Alliance – Update
 - a. **Trail counters are not quite ready, still in testing.**
 - b. **Becker County purchasing trail alliance signs and posts. Alliance members should report to Sarah Hoffman quantities of signs soon.**
 - c. **Becker Co is working with Project 412 to create a trail alliance landing page on the county website to keep things updated and easier to find recreational opportunities for people.**

8. Heartland Trail – Update

The Heartland Trail Committee meets on 6/10/26 to try to narrow down the proposed routes from Dunton Locks heading south. Depending on which route is chosen, the committee may need to request an amendment for the trail corridor from MNDNR. Becker County has until 6/20/2027 to spend nearly \$548K bonding funds.

9. Wannigan Park – Update

Large tree planting project was completed earlier in June-late May. Wannigan Park was successful and received \$1.8 million in Bonding Money for sewer, water, and road construction on North River Drive. Becker County is contributing \$150,000 of SMART funds to the project.

10. City of DL Park Board- Discussion/Update

City ballpark Improvements underway, secured funding for lighting the ballpark.

DMRA is applying for Legacy Grant to establish a Campground on a newly acquired parcel adjacent to the mountain.

11. Toad Mtn WMA – Update

Staff met with DNR Wildlife Manager onsite to discuss what amenities and/or recreational opportunities will be allowed on the WMA. WMAs allow nonmotorized vehicles only. Existing trails will be maintained. DNR is going to create two parking lots (east and west side of parcel off Twp Roads).

12. Per Diem Requests – 30 days. – **Handed out.**

13. Other

Eagle Lake Parcel- Staff are meeting with DNR next week to discuss co management opportunities for the lakeshore parcel/public access on Eagle Lake. Staff will provide update at next RAC meeting.

ATV Freedom Ride – August 22nd 8-1 from DL to Ice Cracking Lodge, Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation is a large sponsor for event along with Woods and Wheels ATV Club. Contact Howard Kluender for more information.

Next Meeting Scheduled for July 13th 1-2:30 Highway Dept

14. Adjournment- 3:48

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